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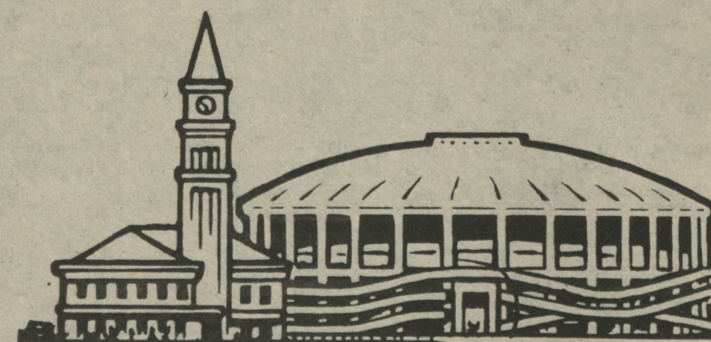


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Gulls soaring towards national title

By Howie Evans

The first season is history. The second season begins this Saturday at approximately 1 p.m. in Bristol, Tennessee. It is a long way to travel for the Salisbury State College football team. A trip they earned as reward for their first-ever undefeated season. The Sea Gulls, who concluded their regular season with a 21-14 win over Mercyhurst, will enter the NCAA Division III championship playoffs with a 10-0 record.

Never has the Eastern Shore school played through a season without losing a football game. This season is special to them all, and a tribute to the man who has guided them the past four years to nation-wide recognition and respectability.

But the chief architect of Salisbury State football is quicker than Mike Coppa, the running back who has gained 1,141 yards running out of his coach's famed Wing T offense when he points out the success of his football team belongs to no one individual.

"The success of this football team," insists Mike McGlinchey, "is that everyone, including the coaches and players have a positive attitude about themselves and the team. My assistant coaches are great in that they create that positive attitude."

"We don't have staff members grabbing students in the collar or constantly yelling at them. But the players understand we all have a job to do. And all the jobs are equally important."

The Sea Gulls are now an experienced playoff team. Their opening round game against Emory & Henry in the South division of the 1-AAA playoffs will be their third trip in the last four years in their quest for the national championship.

This is the second year of the 16-team playoff format for Division III NCAA football. Thus, the Gulls must win three games to reach the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl game which will determine the national championship on December 13th in Phenix City, Alabama.

The Gulls are ready. Just as they were ready for every regular season game, that saw them hold opponents to a mere 102 points, a school record for the defensive unit led by senior tackle, Tom Kress. The native of Herndon, Virginia who tips in at 6-3, 225 pounds, was credited with 101 tackles and is seeking to add to his career total of 23 sacks in the playoffs.

Also ready will be junior quarterback Kevin White who pitched for 1,077 yards. The 6-2, 190 pound signal-caller from Salisbury is 10-0 as the man run-

ning Coach McGlinchey's offense. He has yet to lose a game as a starter.

"Our whole team will be ready," said McGlinchey. "We know Emory & Henry is a good football team, but our guys never seem to get tired. Even during practice. I cannot remember having one bad practice day this whole season. The same with the games. Now we're in our 11th week and nothing is dragging us down. Going into the playoffs has been like a boost of adrenalin for all of us, especially the players," continued Mike McGlinchey.

It's too bad the Gulls are not hosting the opening round tilt. "We put in a bid for the game," McGlinchey pointed out. "But I guess the NCAA went with the facility where they felt more money could be made." The game will not be played on the campus of Emory & Henry. Rather the two Division III foes who will be meeting for the first time, will butt heads at Stone Castle Stadium in Bristol, Tennessee, a stone's throw from the border that separates Virginia and Tennessee near the city of Emory, Virginia.

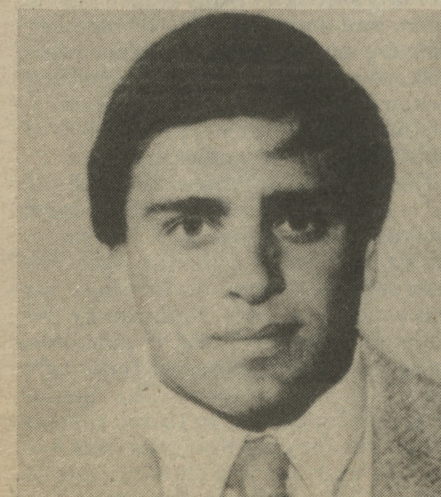


MIKE MCGLINCHY

The Gulls hope to maintain their powerful running game that yielded them an average of 301 yards per game, third best in the nation. They were sixth in the nation in total offense, while limiting their opponents to a stingy 10.2 points per game.

Mike Coppa, freshman John Baugher, Chris Holston and Bill Maurer have all been singled out for praise. Coppa is ninth in the nation in rushing with 1,141 yards for a per game average of 126.8 yards, while freshman John Baugher, named last week's ECAC Rookie of the Week, led the squad in interceptions (4) and had a nifty 12 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery and broke up an attempted pass against Mercyhurst.

Chris Holston, the 6-0, 160 pound split end from Gaithersburg, Maryland, again led the Gulls in receiving and has caught passes in 22 straight games. The Gulls, who are 2-2 in post-season action, reached the semi-finals in 1983 and Gettysburg eliminated them 22-6 in last season's quarterfinal round. They will enter the game in the top 10 of Division III schools and second in the poll for the coveted Lambert Award, symbolic of the best team in the East. The Gulls drove to Baltimore and flew out of BWI on Friday morning.



MIKE COPPA

Checking in with Emory & Henry

By Howie Evans

The Salisbury State College defense are priming themselves for containing Sandy Rogers, the division's fourth leading returning rusher of a year ago. Rogers, now leading all 1-AAA running backs in rushing with 1,730 yards on 231 carries and 13 touchdowns, is a threat to go all the way every time he touches the ball.

The Emory & Henry game-breaker rushed for 1,090 yards in 1985, scored nine touchdowns and averaged 121 yards per game rushing that broke down to a per-carry average of 6.5 yards. Indeed the tough Sea Gulls defense that didn't permit any opponent to rush for over 100 yards in any single game, will have their reputations on the line. "Emory & Henry is a very sound team offensively and defensively," stated McGlinchey. "They don't do anything that we haven't seen before."

The Wasps from Emory, Virginia run out of a Pro I set that features elusive Sandy Rogers. But Rogers is not the whole show. There is quarterback Gary Collier who has passed for 1,509 yards and 21 touchdowns. Their defensive unit gives up ground grudgingly, a lowly 9.1 points per game. No team has scored more than 18 points against them.

The culprit of the Wasp's defense is all-American defensive back, Keith Furr who was fourth in the nation in 1985 in punt returns and 8th in the nation in interceptions. When not running punts, Furr is all over the field. One coach called him, "the Lawrence Taylor of 1-AAA." Heady stuff for the senior who has recorded 40 tackles and five interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns.

"We respect everyone offensively and defensively," explained Mike McGlinchey. "But we will never key on any one player. Emory & Henry is not a one-man or two-man team. They use the same basic techniques we use. It boils down to execution."

And Sandy Rogers? The Richlands, Virginia native must be stopped if the Gulls are to advance to the quarterfinal round. Furr, the defensive and punt returning wizard also must be watched. A late bloomer, who was named Associated Press Little All-America in 1985, played in just two games as a high school junior and barely weighed 150 pounds. They laughed at him and his skinny frame. "Nobody laughs at me now," reminds Furr who has built up his body to a 6-1, 180 pound mean machine with speed and the knack for being in the right place at the right time.

Gulls open hoop season

The 1986-87 Salisbury State College men's basketball team returns eight lettermen - four of which were starters last year.

Coming off the fifth consecutive winning season, the Sea Gulls prospect seems to point to another banner year. Head Coach Ward Lambert, in his 17th year as the Gull mentor, and assistant coach Dan King, who is in his first year at SSC, seem very optimistic about this season. The smiles on the Gull coaching staff come from the front line depth and the young (no seniors) but veteran ball players.

Ron Pritchett, a 6-5, junior from Millsboro, DE, (22.7 ppg and 9.8 rpg last year), Dave Jordan, 6-6 junior from Wilmington, DE (8.0, 4.0), Glenn Price, 6-5 junior from Columbia, MD (2.7, 1.7), Matt Crow, 6-2 sophomore from Baltimore, MD and John Gaddis, 6-3 sophomore from Pocomoke, MD, return up front from last year's 14-12 squad. Transfers Darryl Hutt, 6-6, junior from Hagerstown Junior College, Steve Smith, 6-7, sophomore from Utica and Dean Mitchell, 6-7 sophomore from Wesley, join 6-6, freshman Doug MaGee from Millsboro, DE, to help anchor the strong forward and center positions for the Gulls.

Reggie Alexander, a 6-4, junior from Edgewood, MD (14.0, 6.2), Rick Sheets, 6-0 junior from Claymont, DE (6.4 and 120 assists) and Ronnie Siers, 6-0, sophomore from Louisville, KY (3.7 ppg) provide the experience in the backcourt. Three freshmen-6-1 Danny Martin from Frederick, MD, 5-11 Russell Springmann from Silver Spring, MD and 6-0 Peter Luciano from Forked River, NJ - will be pressing for playing time at the guard positions. In addition, transfer Kevin Purnell, 6-1 from Delaware State, will join the team in

January and should add quickness and stability to this position.

Assistant Dan King (Boston University '79) will be handling the team defense in his first year at SSC. This season looks more and more like a return to the pressing defense that Salisbury had been known for in the 1970's and early 1980's. King is an advocate of that style of play which should reap dividends for the abilities of the 1986-87 "running Gulls."

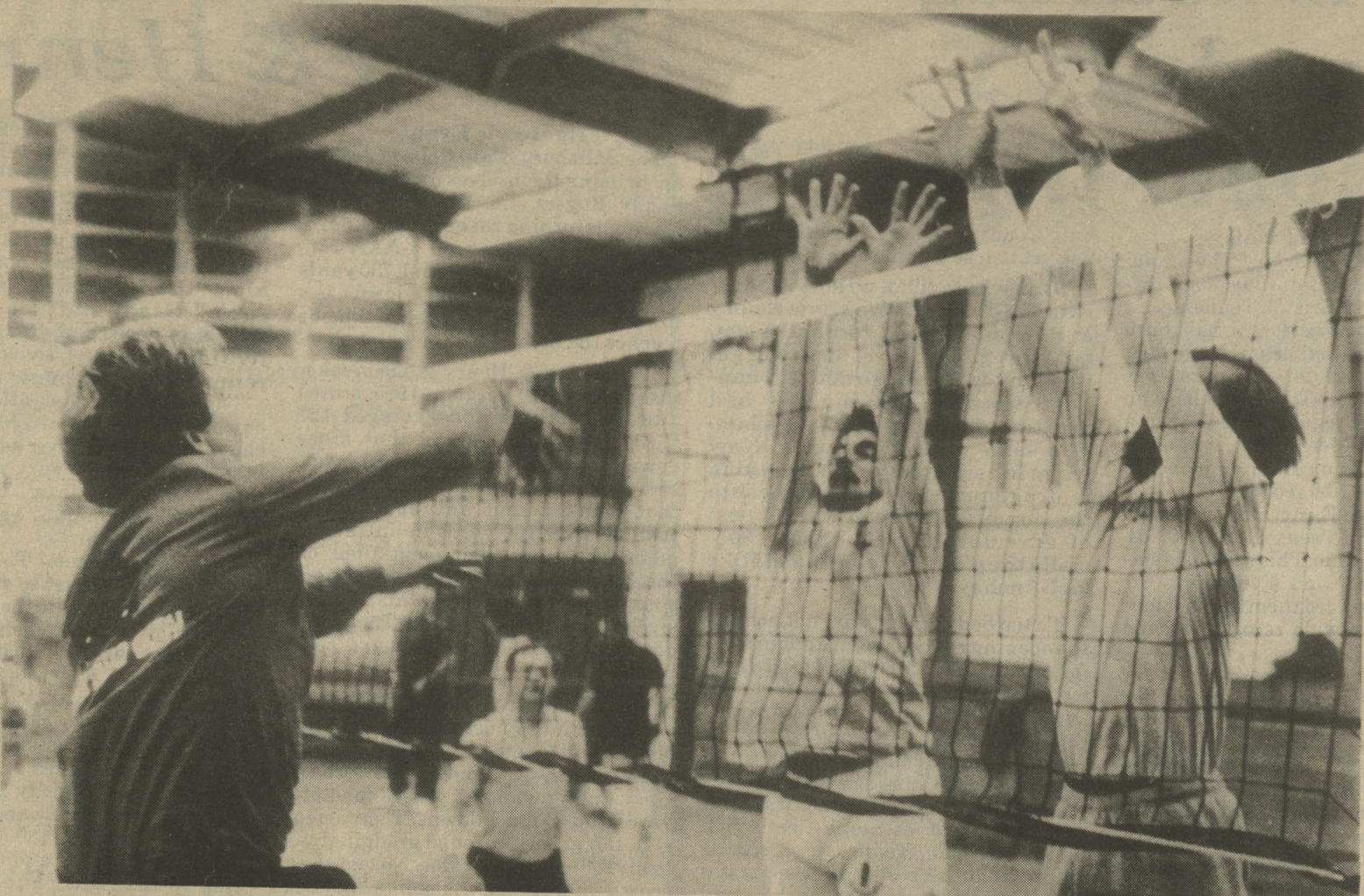
The schedule is similar to last season's predominately tough Division III clashes. However, two newcomers, Ferrum and New England College, will visit the Maggs Activity Center. The Gulls open the season on Friday, November 21, in the Upsala Tip-off Tournament - a very pivotal match-up of strong independent South-Atlantic teams. This is followed by a game with traditional rival UMES, and then the annual Gull Classic at SSC. Two of the top Eastern teams, Washington College and Trenton State, will visit the Gulls in January. February winds up with the ESAC Conference playoffs, and hopefully, post-season play.

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Volleyball.....Serves and Spikes



SPIKER -- Wayne Miller of LaRoma rises high to spike between the out-stretched arms of Gary Austin on the left and Dickie Gladding

When Alice Smith came to work for the Wicomico Department of Recreation and Parks in 1977, one of her immediate tasks was to improve upon the volleyball program. "There was no coed volleyball," recalled Alice, "and only seven men's teams."

Ten years after the arrival of Alice Smith, the volleyball leagues sponsored by the county recreation department, have doubled. "Especially the men's leagues noted Smith. There are some 30 teams on three different skill levels. That's important so that we don't have a beginning player competing against someone who's more advanced."

Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday, evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 12:30 with the last contest usually starting around 5 p.m. The Sunday games only involve Coed league play at Bennett Junior High School.

The Women's 6-Hit League is in action on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Nazarene or the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, while the Women's 3-Hit League holds forth on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Wicomico Junior High School.

League Standings as of Nov. 19

POWER LEAGUE (COED)

A DIVISION	W	L
Lowenbrau	10	2
Miller Auto Body	8	4
Chalmers Co.	8	4
Tubbs Con.	0	12

B DIVISION

K & L Microwave	11	1
Super Soda	9	3
Ahtes Hanna		
McLaughlin	8	4
Parkway Exxon	3	9
Salisbury Music	3	9
Miller Lite	2	10

WOMENS 6-HIT LEAGUE

	W	L
E.C. Ayers Trucking	13	2
Phillips Trucking-Nazarene	13	2
D & J	10	5
Temco Builders	6	6

Sharptown Lions	6	9
Heinemann Electric	4	8
K & L Microwave	2	10
Long-Life		
Treated Woods	0	12

WOMEN'S 3-HIT LEAGUE

Jack's Red Door	18	0
White & Leonard	18	0
Pepsi Challengers	17	1
Super Soda	15	6
Salisbury Nissan	13	8
Miller Lite	7	14
Peninsula Bank	6	12
Eagle Snacks	5	13
Arby's	4	17
Carter's Electric	2	16
Cal's Market	0	18

NON-POWER LEAGUE (COED)

A DIVISION

Tan-A-Lot	8	4
Dillard Paper Co.	7	5
McIntyre Electric	6	6
Plummer & Associates	6	6
Jaycees A	5	7
Second National	4	8

B DIVISION

Bradleys Oilers	12	0
Maryland National Lab	7	5
Nanticoke Seafood	7	5
Jaycees B	6	6
Flower Basket	3	9
Second National Gold	1	11

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

A DIVISION	W	L
LaRoma	21	3
Old Mill Restaurant	17	7
Moose 654	17	7
Second National	11	13
Chandler Construction	5	19
K & L Microwave	1	23

B DIVISION

Jiffy Lube	13	3
E & J Enterprises	14	4
Build M Wright Con.	13	8
Raiders	11	10
Storer Cable	8	10
Peninsula Food Service	5	13
Diesels	1	20

C DIVISION

Tan-A-Lot	18	3
Warriors	13	8
GMB	10	14

of Second National. Action took place in the Wicomico County Men's Volleyball League. (Ruby Jones Photo)

Kentucky Fried Chicken	3	21
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CO-ED LEAGUE (All games at Bennett Jr.)

Sunday, Nov. 23

12:30 - Chalmers Co VS Lowenbrau / Md. Med Lab VS Nanticoke Seafood
1:30 - Miller Auto Body VS Tubbs Const. / Bradley Oilers VS Jaycees B
2:30 - Parkway Exxon VS Salisbury Music / 2nd National Gold VS Flower Basket
3:30 - E&L Microwave VS Miller Lite / Tan-A-Lot VS 2nd National Green
4:30 - Super Soda VS Hanna McLaughlin / Jaycees A VS Dillard Paper Co.

Tues., Nov. 25

5:30 - McIntyre Elec. VS Plummer & Associates
7:00 - @ Y&CC - E&J Enterprises VS Diesels
8:00 - @ Y&CC - Peninsula Food Service Equip. VS Build M Wright Const.

WOMEN'S 3-HIT LEAGUE @ Wi Jr. Hi

7:00 - Peninsula Bank VS Cal's Market

Salvation Army begins youth basketball

That cut little girl down the block with the freckles on her face could be the next Cheryl Miller. And the little guy who delivers your paper could grow up to become the next Larry Bird or even Michael Jordan. Dreams? Why not. As long as the Salvation Army in Salisbury on Eastern Shore Drive continues to provide wholesome recreational activities for young people, anything can be possible. Any dream can come true.

The softball and hardball gloves are greased and tucked away waiting for the arrival of another spring. The football season is dwindling down and has ended for most of the high school squads. So now it's time for roundball at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.

According to club officials, any boy between the ages of 6 and 15 can register. Girls between the ages of 8 and 13 are also eligible to register. Proof of age (birth certificate) must be presented at

the time of registration if the child did not participate in the league last season.

Youngsters interested in playing in the league this season, can register Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and must pay a \$10.00 membership fee at the time of registration.

However, even if your child played last season, he/she must register to be eligible for participation. The last date of registration is November 26th.

The club has organized five individual leagues which will be broken down according to one's age with November 1st as the cutoff date for age. The Instructional League is for those six and seven year olds, followed by the Cadet League for 8 and 9 year olds, while the Junior League will entertain the 10-12 age bracket. The Senior League is for boys 13 to 15 and there is one league for girls that goes from 8 to 13. You may contact club officials at (749-4757) for further information.

County Wrestling Report

John Terrell, the superintendent for the Wicomico Parks and Recreation Department, reports that youngsters 8-14 who are interested in wrestling, can still register for this year's program. "Practice's are held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8," noted Mr. Terrell.

"We have a good program which was started in 1979 and there are about 50 to 60 kids who regularly attend the sessions which are held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, continued Mr. Terrell, who attended Indian River High School and Salisbury State. A former wrestler himself, Terrell hit the mat in the 109 division in high school and went up to 118 pounds at Salisbury State. He once finished third in the state as a high school wrestler.

None of the youngsters currently in the program represent their respective schools. However, all of the participants are from county schools. Last year, the Wicomico team claimed three state titles. Keith Burgess from Parkside won the state 105-pound class. Now a junior, Keith was the first ever

sophomore to win a state title. He was 25-1.

Gavin McGinty from Wi Hi was a two-time state title holder, winning the 155-pound class last year with a record of 25-2. Burgess won a scholarship to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Jack Hedges who sported a fancy 26-0 record last season was the state's 138-pound champ. Jack is now a freshman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

"We attribute their success to the beginning they had in our program," brags Terrell. "We have a lot of pride in them." The head coach of the Wicomico squad is Rick Hubbard who wrestled at Delmar High School. Hubbard has been involved in wrestling on the peninsula for many years as an official and friend of the sport. He was an assistant last season and gained the top spot this season. The next meet will be on December 6th when Wicomico takes on Georgetown. The site will be Bennett Senior High and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Health Watch

Virginia Aronson, RD, MS, is among the most respected of the younger generation of nutrition professionals, and one of the few who is equally comfortable as a registered dietitian, nutrition writer and consultant.

Since 1980, as a nutritionist/writer at the Harvard University School of Public Health, Aronson has written several nutrition books, coauthored a monthly column in *Nutrition Today*, and published book reviews and articles in a variety of prestigious professional journals such as *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, *FDA Consumer*, and *Journal of Nutrition Education*.

Citing increasing public concern regarding the damaging effects of high levels of fat and cholesterol, a noted nutritionist, Virginia Aronson, has some practical advice on how millions of Americans who have been advised to significantly restrict cholesterol and fat can learn to enjoy a more healthful diet.

"Recent scientific studies, such as the National Institutes of Health report, conclusively demonstrate a direct link between blood levels of cholesterol and the incidence of heart disease," said Aronson. "It is important to advise Americans on restricted diets of the tragic consequences of a high-calorie, cholesterol-rich and fat-loaded diet, and guide people who may be at risk or have suffered from a heart attack toward a more healthful alternative diet. Yet this is only half the story. We need to teach people how to change their daily eating habits to live healthier, longer lives."

More than 80 million Americans are overweight, and that fat accounts for 43 percent of an average adult's daily caloric intake.

The National Institute of Health recently published a consensus report which concluded that elevated blood cholesterol is a direct cause of heart disease, which claims the lives of more than 550,000 Americans every year.

"First, while fat is an essential part of a balanced diet, the idea is to minimize dietary fat and cholesterol to a prudent level of around 30 percent of one's total caloric intake. Wise menu plan-



VIRGINIA ARONSON

ning and portion control will help to eliminate excess cholesterol and calories.

"Second, it is psychologically essential for people to allow themselves to eat moderate amounts of the foods they really enjoy. A healthful diet can be satisfying and delicious if high-fat, calorie-rich, and cholesterol-loaded foodstuffs are replaced by 'lean' alternatives."

Products such as Colombo's Natural Lite yogurt - the nation's leading non-fat natural yogurt - is a good example of the "substitution" strategy advocated by Aronson to assist Americans on restricted diets. This non-fat product is specially designed to assist these Americans, since it is easily substituted for fat and cholesterol-loaded ingredients such as cream cheese, sour cream, salad dressings and mayonnaise. Fresh fruit topped with Colombo non-fat yogurt is a healthful alternative to the more traditional whipped cream dessert.

Aronson joins other nutritionists in suggesting that meat-eating Americans substitute lean meats, poultry and fish for high-fat choices, and include vegetarian meals on the weekly menu. Legumes, for example, are a versatile and nutritious alternative.

"Also, remember that a nutritious diet is one factor in achieving and maintaining good health. A regular program of exercise is equally important in controlling weight and conditioning to achieve fitness," advised Aronson.

A perfect season

Karen Weaver, the head coach for the Salisbury State College women's field hockey squad, had one major concern going into the Final Four playoffs. Her team would be playing on an artificial surface field. Prior to leaving for Trenton State College, where Karen Weaver guided her charges to the national championship, Karen insisted she was concerned.

"We will have to make some adjustments," she reminded her team. "Because of the surface (AstroTurf)," she has told her squad, they would make some changes in their playing style. "Everything is faster," she cautioned the players, who listened, but still remained confident they would bring home the national title.

In the opening contest at Trenton State, the Gulls squeezed out a 2-1 win over Bentley College. The game began at high noon and when it was over, the first meeting ever between the two teams was a contrast in emotions. The happy high fiving Gulls, and the tearful-eyed Falcons, who like the Gulls, were making their first appearance on AstroTurf.

Ranked number one in the nation in 1-AAA, Robin Adair, along with Jill Stewart, set up Kim Finlayson for the scores that propelled the Gulls into the championship encounter against Bloomsburg State. Coach Weaver's crew were relentless, outshooting their opponents by a wide margin (40-9) while on 23 occasions, posted up the corners and held Bentley to just four post-ups.

The Gulls perfect season climaxed with their championship 3-2 victory over Bloomsburg, a team they had whipped 4-0 during the regular season. During the course of the championship season, the Lady Gulls registered shut-out wins over Sun-Buttalo, Shenandoah, Frostburg State, Mount Olive, and Washington College.

In addition, they held three other squads to one goal, and no team scored more than five goals on them. The biggest win of their "dream" campaign came in a 12-0 blowout over Mount Olive. The Gulls captured, in addition to their Final Four tournament win, a first place finish and the gold in the Maryland State Tournament. Congratulations!!!

Bennett out of playoffs

By Howie Evans

It was a bitter cold night. But James M. Bennett head football coach, John Usilton refused to blame the elements on the 19-12 loss his team suffered at the hands of Catocin. The loss eliminated the Clippers from the Class C State Championships (who concluded their season with a mark of 6-5).

"I'm not going to blame our loss on the weather," said Coach Usilton. "Sure the weather was a factor somewhat, but I'm not going to say it cost us the game. We had our opportunities, but I believe the other kids were a little more hungry than we were."

The Clippers season went about as expected. "Yeah, I guess you can say that," confessed Usilton. "It went pretty much as we thought it would. It's disappointing now for us in that if we had won, we could have played at home this week against a team we thought we could beat and then gone right into the state finals."

"But we were a young team, a really young team this season. We only played a couple of seniors. We feel real good about next year. We'll have some real good running backs and our leading running back will be back. We'll lose Leroy Turner and Benny King, but we had a real good Junior Varsity team and some real good players are coming up to play varsity."

I imagine if you have to lose, the playoffs isn't such a bad place to lose." The Clippers led into the third quarter (12-6). "They were running a ground-control type game and we kept stopping them. But we continually got the ball in bad field position, down inside the 10 and 15 a lot but we would run a couple of series and have to punt."

Bennett did run off one real good drive, going 60 yards that ended with

Leroy Turner bulling his way for a one-yard score that tied the score at the end of the first quarter. "The key to the game," moaned Usilton, "was they kept us pinned in our own territory for most of the night, especially in the third quarter. We never really had opportunities to score. We don't have a big-play type offense which is what we've had in past seasons. We didn't have the breakthrough runner."

The field was a sheet of ice and the temperature at kickoff was close to 15 degrees and sometime during the game and before it concluded, temperatures dipped to below 10 degrees. "I think the weather really hurt the kicking game for both teams," noted Usilton. "It was bitter cold out there and there was something that looked like an early frost on the field. Under conditions like that, defense usually prevails."

The Cougars defensive unit, led by Jesse Ketterman, was brutal. "Their defense played a good game," complimented Coach Usilton. "Especially that big kid Ketterman." All the massive 5-10, 210 pounder did was bruise the Clippers defensive unit for 110 yards that produced two scores of one and three yards. It was the young, talented sophomore fullback, who from his linebacker's position on defense, stuffed a Bennett running play, causing a fumble that he recovered. The turnover led to a three-yard touchdown run by Neil Harrington of Catocin.

Regarding next year, Coach Usilton stated after the contest, "We'll have a good program next season. I was very pleased with our young ballclub. The future looks good for us. Whoever said soccer is going to take over doesn't know what they're talking about. Football will always be a big part of our programs in this county."

Heisman Trophy election is fraudulent



HOWARD COSSELL

Now that the elections are over, and we've dispensed with such mundane matters as electing senators, congressmen, governors, judges, and all manner of public servants, we are all free to turn our attention to a forthcoming election whose results will no doubt have enormous impact on the society: the Heisman Trophy voting.

About 1,050 members of the sports-writing and broadcasting fraternities will cast their ballots for the "best" college football player. The hype surrounding this annual election, the seriousness with which the "candidates" are treated, and the dramatic and weighty manner in which the results are announced and the winner celebrated, would lead observers to think this election is as important -- or more important -- than the one held last Tuesday.

The campaign formally starts as soon as school is in session, but has been going on informally before that. Press kits and piles of information on college football players get mailed out, handed out, to try and win votes for each school's candidate. Athletic departments spend a fortune dishing out pub-

licity, wooing the voters, trying to get their boy elected. Such a fuss is made, you'd think these football players were candidates for president.

Consider the frontrunner, Vinnie Testaverde, quarterback of the Miami Hurricanes. Nearly every Saturday, Vinnie appears on network television, and he's accorded the kind of deference, and the kind of attention usually reserved for elder statesmen. Will he win The Trophy? What about the NFL? How are you feeling, Vinnie? How's the foot? How's your arm? What about The Heisman? Will it be a dream come true when you win it? The goal you set for yourself playing football as a child? The announcers ooze unctuousness. They speak to him as if he's just returned from successfully negotiating a hostage release.

Now I don't mean to denigrate Vinnie Testaverde personally. He's a fine quarterback and no doubt he's a nice kid, too. But to see a 22 year old college senior being taken so seriously, when all he has done is to toss a football downfield effectively, makes this reporter shudder. Especially since the fawning is being done mostly by men twice Testaverde's age, men who should know better by this time in their lives.

Let's tell it like it is here. We've just been through a major election, where more than half this country's voting population couldn't be bothered to exercise the right to vote. For months prior to the election the media continually reports on how lackluster and boring the campaigns are. How unexciting and unstimulating the majority of the candidates are. Too often, implicitly and explicitly, the media downgrades the political process, covering it as if it were a poorly played sporting event, a dull contest where the two teams didn't live up to their pregame promise.

And therein lies the connection. Voting to fill the statehouses, the Congress, judgeships, and the White House, is not some kind of sport, some action-packed physical contact event on a field. How have we, as a nation, reached

a point where we expect it to be, and grow bored and disdainful of the right to choose the men and women who make up our government?

And in turn, how have we come to revere such an unimportant, even fraudulent election for something as meaningless as the Heisman Trophy? How have we come to the point where we almost always heap scorn on those who wish to hold public office, and pile praise onto athletes, some of whom are mere children, experienced at sports, but inexperienced at life?

I think there's something very wrong here, something really out of whack, when people can generate more enthusiasm for a college football player than for national elections. I think there's something wrong when the American public stays away from voting booths, but pays attention to who's going to win the Heisman Trophy, or to Hal Lanier's "election" as National League manager of the year, or John McNamara's election in the American League.



VINNIE TESTAVERDE

None of these elections means anything. It won't change the quality of life for any of us, ever.

I'll tell you something else. I am uncomfortable now, watching a young man like Testaverde, who seems to have set his sights no farther than a Heisman Trophy and a contract with the NFL. I feel like a voyeur, a peeping Tom, watching him and his father expose their dreams to the public, dreams of glory in sports. Granted, there is nothing wrong with wanting to play professional football. But to have it the summit of one's ambitions? To me, now, with what I know, these are paltry dreams, with potential to explode, leaving this young man bankrupt emotionally, and bereft.

I wonder, what else is there for him? What else has he prepared himself for, this phys ed major? What good will the Heisman Trophy be 20 years down the road? It will collect dust on a shelf.

And watching him and his apparent joy with his football success, I think of some other athletes I know, athletes who achieved greatness on the playing field, but who never, ever looked at achievement in sports as the ultimate. They have all won elections, the kind of elections that really matter. The newly-elected Congressman from Maryland, Tom McMillen, a former NBA star and Rhodes Scholar. Representative Jack Kemp, former Buffalo Bill, returned again to Congress. Jim Bunning, former pitcher, off to the Senate. And of course, the statesman, the former New York Knicks star, another Rhodes Scholar, the senator from New Jersey, Bill Bradley. They all knew there was more to life than first and ten, the slam dunk, the strike out. Whether you agree or disagree with their politics and positions, you cannot argue with the fact that they chose to try to serve the public in a way far more important than giving a few hours worth of entertainment at a sporting event. All present and future Heisman Trophy candidates just might want to keep these men in mind.



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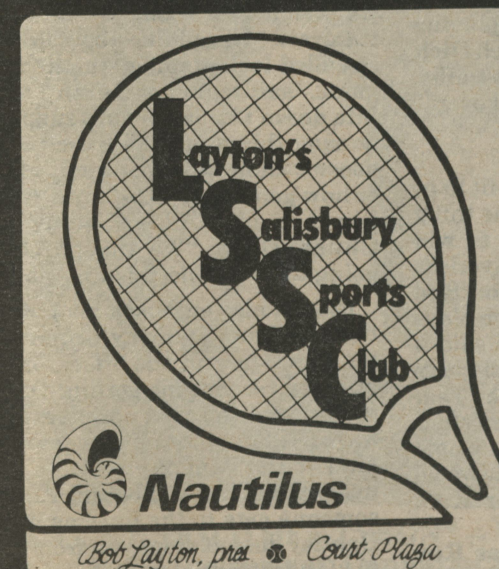
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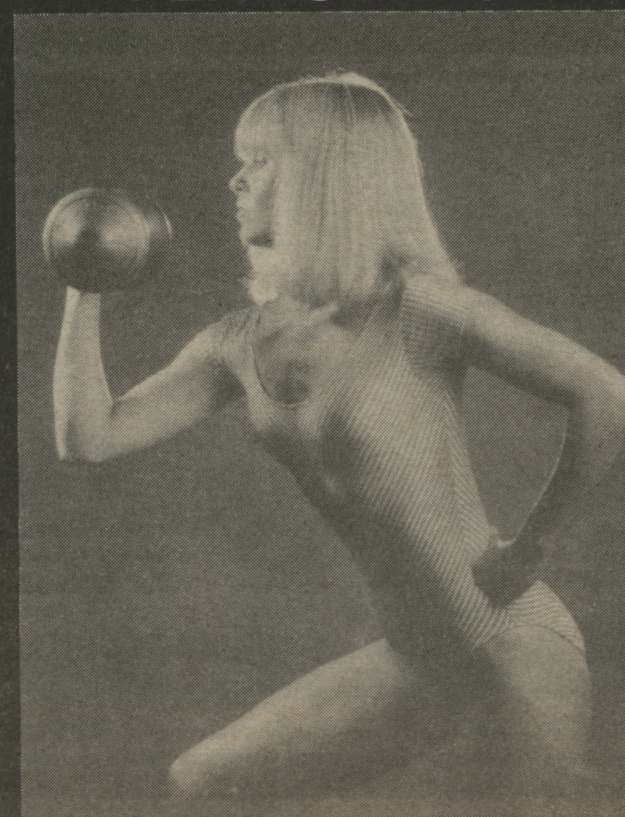
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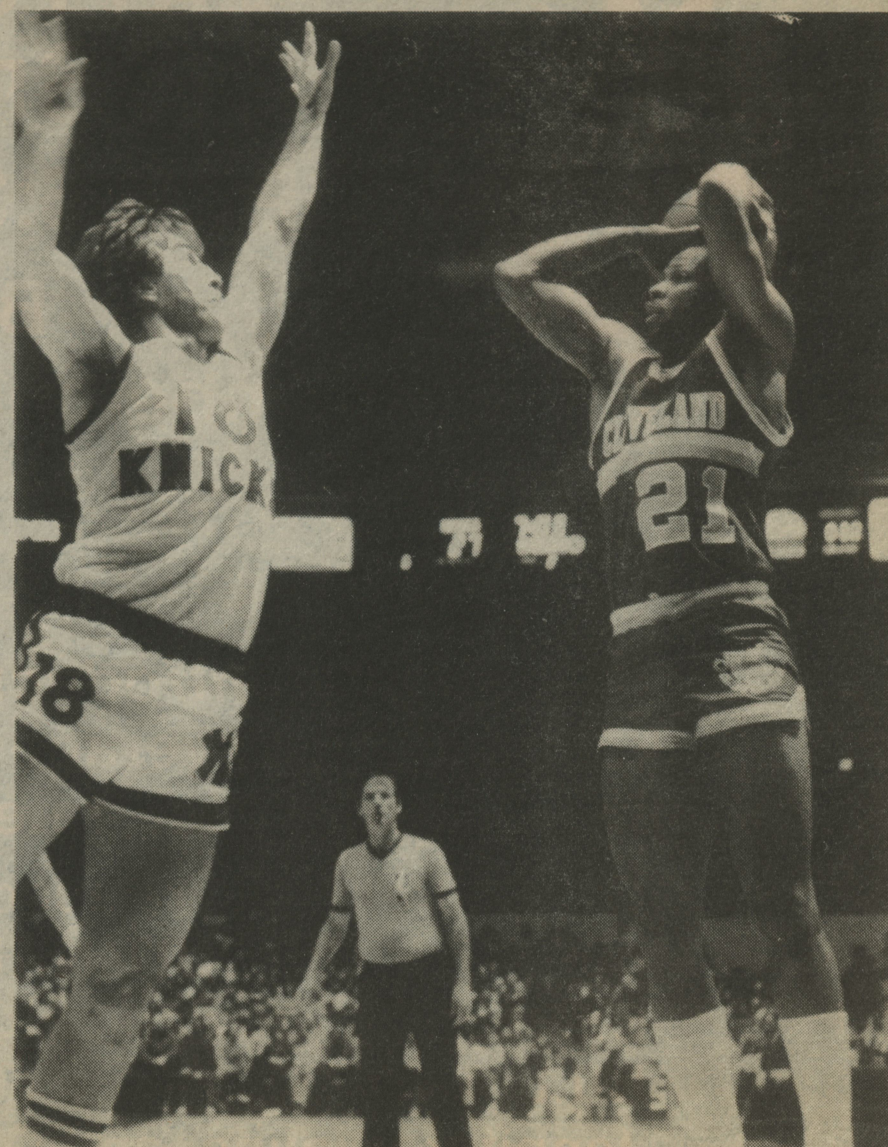
NBA NOTEBOOK and Quotes

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NBA attendance, which reached an all-time high last season, continued to rise during the recently completed pre-season. A total of 711,057 spectators attended 89 NBA preseason games, an average of 8,173 per date (including two preseason doubleheaders). That marked an increase of 10.9 percent over the 1985 preseason figure of 611,716 in 83 dates. The largest crowd of the pre-season gathered at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill, NC, as former Tar Heel stars **James Worthy** of the LA Lakers and **Michael Jordan** of the Chicago Bulls enjoyed their homecoming at UNC before 21,444 fans. During the pre-season, the World Champion Boston Celtics proved their following is strong throughout New England as they sold out all preseason games played in cities like Providence, RI, Hartford, CT and Worcester and Springfield, MA. When the NBA on CBS opened the season broadcasting the LA Lakers at Houston Rockets game, producer **Mike Burks** wanted to make special mention of the 40th anniversary of a special occasion — the famed backboard breaking set shot by **Kevin (Chuck) Connors**. CBS showed and old posed action shot of Connors during his Celtics playing days, then switched to the memorable opening of the TV series, *The Rifleman*, which starred Connors. When CBS expert analyst **Tom Heinsohn** returned to the air he commented, "You know in

one year, it was amazing. Chuck Connors went from being the worst shot in the East, to the best shot in the West." ...Sacramento Kings star **Reggie Theus** recently made his acting debut on the CBS series *Better Days*. Theus played the part of Leslie "Double D" Derking, a neighborhood basketball legend who went on to become a pro basketball star. Speaking of Sacramento, you've gotta love Kings' GM **Joe Axelson's** line on rookie **Johnny Rogers** of Cal-Irvine. Said Axelson, "That's Rogers with no 'D' — either on the floor or in real life."

Amidst the hoopla surrounding opening night in the NBA came the announcement from Philadelphia in which **Julius Erving** revealed his retirement plans. Erving, 36 and beginning his 16th professional basketball season, said he would retire at the end of the current season and planned to make his home and future business base in the Philadelphia area. The business ventures will include Erving Group, Inc., an investment, management and volunteer organization, and the new "Dr. J" Enterprises, Inc., a marketing and public relations firm. With the start of the NBA's 41st season, the experts are all looking for trends developing in the league. One very notable trend of late was depicted in a stunning *Sports Illustrated* photo essay by **Walter Iooss, Jr.**, entitled "Twin Towers—On The Rise." ...Backing SI's point, every team in the NBA



Former Knick, Ernie Grunfeld has hung up his sneakers for the microphone. No more chasing the likes of World B. Free.

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except the New Jersey Nets and the Sacramento Kings boasted at least one 7-footer on its roster as of opening day. Both those clubs, however, can pair huge frontcourts as the Nets often team 6-11 **Mike Gminski** and 6-11 **Darryl Dawkins** and the Kings go with 6-11 **Joe Kleine** and 6-10 **LaSalle Thompson**. Former NY Knicks star **Ernie Grunfeld** has been named to a multi-faceted position at Madison Square Garden, including responsibilities in broadcasting, community relations and scouting. Dallas Mavericks reserve center **Bill Wennington** missed and exhibition game because of back spasms. "Bill hurt his back playing pinochle," explained Mavs Coach **Dick Motta**. "He had to reach for his wallet. When he does that, he hurts all over."

Larry Bird is fit, too — and fit to be tied when the Celtics lose. "The thing about Bird is that he wants to win every game," said Dallas Mavericks assistant coach **Richie Adubato**. "Bird is responsible for the way Boston plays every night. I heard that Bird said it was the Celtics' fault that Atlanta's **Mike Fratello** was Coach of the Year last season. Bird said that if the Celtics had won three more games, it would have given them 70, and everyone would have been forced to vote for K.C. (Jones) as Coach of the Year."

The rookie watch shows Dallas' **Roy Tarpley**, Indiana's **Chuck Person** and Detroit's **Dennis Rodman** among those doing well. "He's the best big man as a rookie that I've coached since **Mitch Kupchak**," said Dallas Coach **Dick Motta** of Tarpley. "I think he can make as big a contribution as **Mitch** did in Washington. Any book you start, you don't know how it's going to end,

but I can say one thing about Roy: He's an athlete of enormous potential."

Indiana General Manager **Donnie Walsh** also thinks he selected the right Person. "He (Person) is playing like a seasoned veteran. He's taking over games when they're up for grabs down the stretch. As far as I can tell, he has no glaring weakness. The kid flat out wants to be good."

Meanwhile, the Pistons have discovered a natural for Motown. Nicknamed "The Worm" because of his body twists and squirms on the court, **Rodman** — a second-round pick from Southeastern Oklahoma State — might be the steal of the draft. "What I like about him is his so-called lack of understanding of the game," said teammate **Isiah Thomas**. "He doesn't know he ain't supposed to do some things, and he doesn't care. He doesn't know how good **Larry Bird** is or how good **Terry Cummings** is supposed to be." Adds Pistons Coach **Chuck Daly**, "We thought he was going to be a project, but he's not."

Daly is also enthused about the addition of **Adrian Dantley**, acquired from the Utah Jazz in the offseason. "The primary reason (for getting Dantley), really, was the post-up situation. We have needed a post-up player with that kind of ability at any size. It's hard to live with perimeter shooting. And when someone gets to the lines as much as Dantley does, it stops you from having to play transition defense."

A note-worthy comment from Los Angeles Lakers General Manager **Jerry West**: "I think he (forward **James Worthy**) will end his career here. That is the same way I feel about **Magic Johnson**. They are quality people, and you don't let people like that go."

O'Brien has Jets flying high

The New York Jets and quarterback **Ken O'Brien** are in the groove. A serious groove. After 11 weeks of the 1986 season, the Jets have the best record in the NFL, 10-1... and the number one passer in O'Brien who has completed 208 out of 313 passes for 2,749 yards and 23 touchdowns with 8 interceptions.

His 67.6 completion percentage leads the NFL as does his 9.04-yard average gain per attempt. In the past four games, O'Brien has been near perfect, hitting on 92 of 132 passes for 1,248 yards and 13 touchdowns with just two interceptions. He had not thrown an

interception — 122 attempts — since week five against Buffalo until he was picked off twice in the Jets 31-16 win over the Colts. "I was somewhere else," he complained after the game.

"In the past, we've had some success but we've never had anyone who could throw like Kenny," says Jets wide receiver **Wesley Walker**, who leads the AFC with 12 touchdown catches. "He hangs in there and he looks off defenders; he never takes chances. I've been here 10 years and we've never had a quarterback of that caliber chucking that rock."

O'Brien in the game against the Colts, teamed up with Walker for pass-run scores of 5, 19 and 4 yards. Against the Falcons, O'Brien set a Jets record of 17 consecutive passes to tie the third longest string in NFL History.

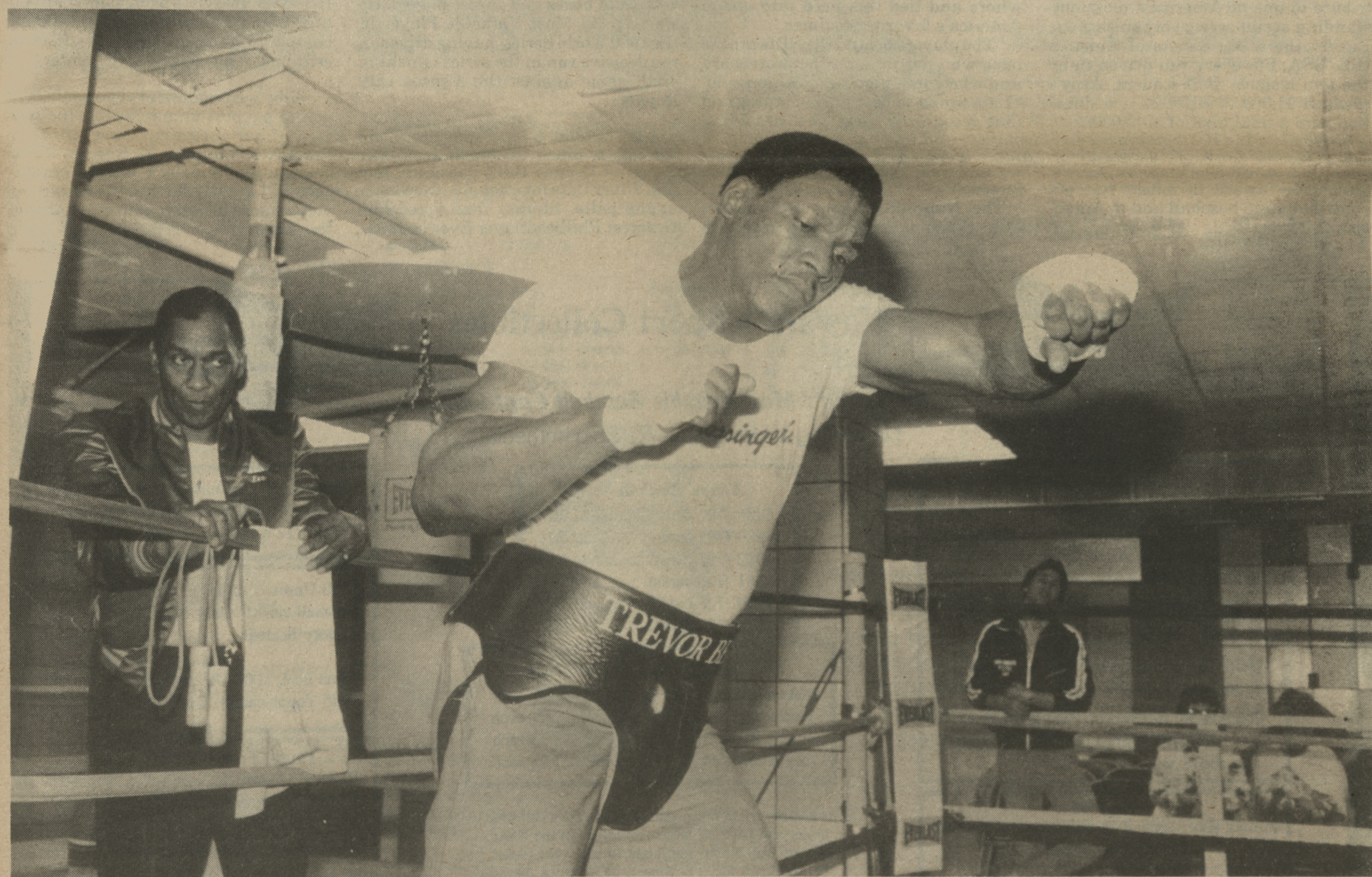
He leads all NFL passers with a 111.1 rating, led the NFL last season with a 96.2 rating. The highest single rating in a season for the NFL belongs to **Milt Plum** who was pitching for Cleveland in 1960 when he was rated out with a 110.4. **Sammy Baugh**, the slinging man of the Washington Redskins, had a



KEN O'BRIEN

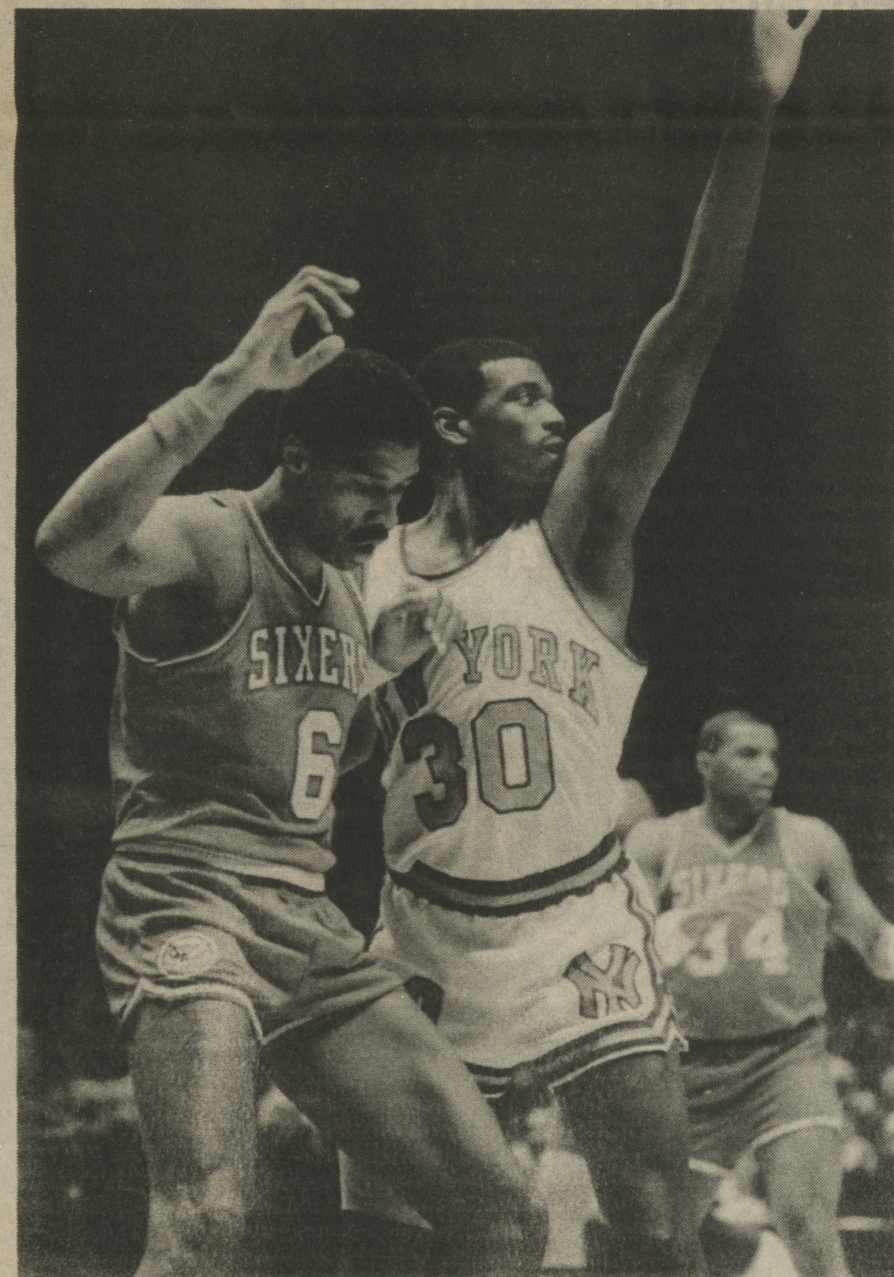
109.8 in 1945 and Miami's **Don Marino** had a 108.9 in 1984. The Jets are at Miami for the NFL Monday night showcase game on ABC this Nov. 24th.

Berbick defends WBC title



CAN BERBICK HOLD OFF TYSON? -- Virtually no one gives **Trevor Berbick**, the former Canadian heavyweight champ a chance against young **Mike Tyson**, who with a win against **Berbick**, can become the youngest fighter in history to wear a heavyweight crown. "I will not lose," said a confident Tyson. "I absolutely refuse to lose. **Berbick** is the WBC title holder and the elimination tournament being staged by Home Box Office, **Don King** and **Butch Lewis**, wasn't much of anything until they were able to convince Tyson and his people that it would be the shortest way to fulfill his dreams of becoming the youngest fighter

in history to win the title. Tyson, who grew up on the streets of Brooklyn, New York in the Brownsville section, now trains and lives in Catskills, New York. Should he win the title, **Mike Tyson** will be 20 years, four months and 22 days old. Tyson was discovered while in a youth home in up state New York by **Cus D'Amato**, the man who steered **Floyd Patterson** to the world title. Waiting in the wings for the winner of the Tyson, **Berbick** rumble, will be **Tim Witherspoon** who fights **Tony Tubbs** to retain his WBA crown, and **Michael Spinks**, who claims the world title via the USBA. (Photo by Glenn Edwards)



LAST TIME AROUND -- Julius Erving, the man known as Dr. J has announced his retirement following this NBA season. **Bernard King**, when he was healthy, holds off the fabulous Doctor.

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